

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANTHONY DAWAYNE LEE TURNER,

11 Plaintiff, No. CIV S-10-3127 DAD P

12 vs.

13 TOM GRAFF, et al.,

14 Defendants. ORDER

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16 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant  
17 to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis. In the complaint filed  
18 with this court plaintiff complains of conditions and actions taken at Napa State Hospital. In  
19 light of 1996 amendments to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, this court will not rule on plaintiff's request to  
20 proceed in forma pauperis.

21 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on  
22 diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in "(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all  
23 defendants reside in the same State, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events  
24 or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject  
25 of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is  
26 no district in which the action may otherwise be brought." 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b).

1 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. Plaintiff's claim arose  
2 in Napa County, which is within the boundaries of the Northern District of California.  
3 Therefore, plaintiff's complaint should have been filed in the United States District Court for the  
4 Northern District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint  
5 filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire,  
6 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This court has not ruled on plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis; and
2. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern California.

DATED: December 6, 2010.

Dale A. Drozd  
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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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